Online Resources from the SD State Library That Support Language Arts Education

The SD State Library provides online resources to all schools and libraries in South Dakota. The following handout describes how the resources can be used to find information to support language arts education.

Most of the resources are available from home with a library card from an SDLN member library (most of the larger public libraries in SD) or a SD State Library library card. You can request a SD State Library card by clicking on "how do I…." from the SD State Library homepage: http://www.sdstatelibrary.com

To login from home use the barcode from the back of the library card and your password is your last name.

Research Project Calculator—break down a large school project into manageable chunks. This calculator provides dates and steps to school assignments.
Located under the "For Teens"/Homework
http://library.sd.gov/teencenter/research/index.asp
This resource provides a timeline to finish a long term project, including an essay, power point and video.

SIRS Discoverer (K-9)—selected, full text articles that support national content standards. This resource has searchable pictures, activities, biographical information, reviewed websites and more. Each article has 2 reading levels assigned—Lexile and editorially assigned. Websites have an editorially assigned reading level.
❖ Search by Subject: "author"
❖ Search by Keyword an author's name—put name in quotations for more relevant results
❖ Database Features: Fiction
  ▪ Fiction articles
  ▪ Topics include diaries, drama, plays and written by kids
❖ Database Features: Biographies
  ▪ Find biographical information about authors and other notable people.
❖ Database Features: Activities
  ▪ Provides articles grouped by activity
  ▪ Options include: "reading, writing and language projects"

SIRS Researcher (6-12)—selected, full-text articles that support national content standards. This resource has a Lexile score for every article.
❖ Right hand side—"Curriculum Pathfinders"
  ▪ Provides articles, websites, research ideas and more for content areas, including "Language Arts"
❖ Searchable images
❖ "Leading Issues"—full text articles with research guide, topic overview and pro/con. Popular topics include:
  ▪ global warming
  ▪ gun control
  ▪ cloning
  ▪ immigration
  ▪ abortion

Gale Virtual Reference Library—online reference books. These are the actual books available online. They have an unlimited number of simultaneous users. These will be useful when looking for definitions or basic information.

❖ Titles include:
  ▪ Literary Themes for Students: Race and Prejudice , 2v, 2007
  ▪ Literary Themes for Students: The American Dream , 2v, 2007
  ▪ Literary Themes for Students: War and Peace , 2v, 2006
  ▪ Literature and Its Times Supplement 1: Profiles of 300 Notable Literary Works and the Historical Events that Influenced Them , 2v, 2003
  ▪ Literature and Its Times: Profiles of 300 Notable Literary Works and the Historical Events that Influenced Them , 5v, 1997

NetLibrary—online books—lots of non-fiction but also have classic fiction . These books are limited to 1 user at a time. To "release" a book, you need to "close item" so someone else can view it.

❖ Contents include
  ▪ Cliff's Notes
  ▪ Bloom's Notes
❖ Sample titles include:
  ▪ *The 100 Most Popular Young Adult Authors: Biographical Sketches and Bibliographies*
  ▪ *100 Most Popular Picture Book Authors and Illustrators: Biographical Sketches and Bibliographies*
  ▪ *Science Through Children's Literature: An Integrated Approach*
  ▪ *Interpreting Literature With Children*

Proquest:
Over 3000 journals—indexed and searchable. This resource provides full text articles to many journals. The publication search in Proquest was used to search for journals to support the language arts subject areas. If the journal is in full text, the dates will be listed beside the journal name.

The following titles are some examples of titles::
  ❖ *English Education*; Urbana 📄 Full Text: 1997 - current
  ❖ *Children's Literature*; Storrs 📄 Full Text: 1998 - current
  ❖ *The Reading Teacher*; Newark 📄 Full Text: 1988 - current, delayed 1 year(s)

Learning Express Library—instant scored practice exams. All exams can be finished later, and answer explanations provided.

❖ Sample exams include:
  ▪ AP English Language and Composition Practice Exam
  ▪ AP English Literature and Composition Practice Exam
  ▪ Reading Comprehension Course Series
  ▪ Elementary, Middle School and High School practice essay writing

Handouts and tutorials are available on the SD State Library homepage under "For Librarians" "Licensed Databases"
http://www.sdstatelibrary.com/forlibrarians/licenses/index.htm

For more information, your school's librarian will have information about these resources. You may also contact the Electronic Services Coordinator, Julie Erickson, at
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